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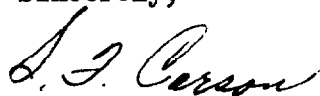
Dear Josh:

Many thanks for your review of Lampen's manuscript. I did not honestly think there would be too much wrong with the paper, but I would prefer having someone like yourself have a good look at it.

I am very glad that you added the last sentence in your letter to me about the necessity of most careful editing of the genetical papers in J. Bact. As you probably know, Porter's editorship begins with next July's issue. We are having an Editorial Board Meeting in Chicago and I think I mentioned in my last letter to you that I am going to make a strong point and absolutely insist that papers be sent for review to the best people in the field, regardless of whether they are members of the Bacteriology Society or of the Editorial Board. There seems to be some pressure to have only the Editorial Board review papers, though I do not believe that Porter wholeheartedly agrees with this. At any rate, there is going to be a big fight at the Editorial Board Meeting if my point does not seem to go across. Porter's attitude so far has seemed to be very good about these things, and I believe that if he is given time to get things straightened around properly, and if we manage to get some sensible kind of "positive" reviewing done, I really think the Journal can be put into pretty good shape. I have reviewed a few papers on metabolism during the last few months, which will go into the issues under Porter's editorship and in one or two cases the authors were not too happy. Nevertheless, I believe that a critical review is the best way to handle these papers, especially if some positive suggestions can be given.

Again, many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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